

Serial No. 09/327,408

Remarks

The present application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/070,521 filed April 29, 1998 (the "parent application"), which is a division of Application Serial No. 08/620,374 filed March 22, 1996 (the "grandparent application"), which is a continuation in part of Application Serial No. 08/552,222 filed November 2, 1995 (the "great grandparent application"), which is a continuation in part of Application Serial No. 08/498,900 filed July 6, 1995, which is a continuation in part of Application Serial No. 08/234,644 filed April 28, 1994.

The Examiner rejected claims 158-183 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Lund (U.S. 6,104,789). Lund issued from of an application filed on December 29, 1997, which is, however, after the effective filing date of the present application which, at least, is as early as March 22, 1996 (the filing date of the grandparent application). This being so, Lund cannot be prior art with respect to the present application under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). As such, the above rejection should be withdrawn. It is respectfully requested that Lund be removed from the record as a prior art reference.

In view of the foregoing, each of claims 158-183 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of these claims is requested and allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully,

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